



Atty. Docket No. 03401.P002D7D1

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Examiner: Cuneo, K.
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 Khandros et al.) Art Unit: 2831
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 Application No.: 09/295,269)
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 Filed: April 20, 1999)
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 For: Tip Structures)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a)

Sir:

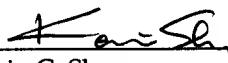
Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action of Nonprovisional Application mailed September 11, 2002, for which a three-month response period expiring on Decmeber 11, 2002 was set. The extended period expires on January 11, 2003.

A check for \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a one-month extension of time. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN

Dated: 1/13 2003


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